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Dear Tom,

I'm glad to get your note, address and news. And I appreciate your kind remarks. This was the first ^{time} I had a chance to hear a large part of. I drove right home so I could get some work done Saturday, and I did. En route I did hear enough to get some constructive ideas for the future and spot deficiencies in what I did. The reaction was and has been excellent. Although there was no gimmickry and the phone numbers were given but three times, with instructions not to call during the earlier part of the program, the automatic count of the calls that were made but not answered was 4,700. Jack said it could easily have been higher, but that with the subject most callers would prefer to listen and miss ^{THINK} none, and he didn't encourage calls. I believe ~~this~~ ^{that} was the subject, not me, and that something similar will happen the 23rd. when Lana is there.

Delighted with what you say of the tapes. Only you, please, keep your originals. I want them only as a matter of record. Some time in the future I may try and separate you from your originals, but for a different purpose: an archive at a major university. Something is happening that I am not doing, and if the responsible people doing it cannot get masters from the media and want nonprofessional tapes, I may again be in touch about this. If things go ^{as} as I hope, this will be open to (and will welcome) everybody's work. It will be part of a Kennedy archive. Accompanying it is the possibility of a foundation to make my continued work in this field possible. This may eventually be academic.

I am to get a tape of my phoned broadcast to California, two hours, June 29. Perhaps I can, when I get it, have a professional copy made if you'd like it. Recall that in anything you make for me, 1 mil and 1 7/8 are good enough, and in that way you can bet up to six hrs. on a single tape. Or, the Burke show on both sides of a single 600 ft. reel and each McKinley on both side of a 1200 ft. reel.

Again thanks,

Hurriedly,